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ORDER-IN-ORIGINAL

PASSED BY: **J. M. BISHNOI**

Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade, Madurai

1. Any person/party aggrieved by this order may, under Section 15 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 & notification no. 21(RE-2013)/2009-2014 dt. 13.6.2013 file and appeal against the same to the appropriate authority viz. **The Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Office of the Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, 4th Floor, Shastri Bhavan Annex, 26, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600006** within a period of forty five days (45 days) from the date of service of this adjudication order together with a copy of this order and a complete set of evidence in the form of Annexure to the appeal relied upon in support of the appeal.

2. Any person/party desirous of filing an appeal against this order shall deposit the penalty amount and produce proof of payment of penalty amount along with the appeal to the Appellate Authority failing which the appeal is liable to be rejected for non-compliance of the provisions of Section 15 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.

3. The penalty amount is to be deposited in an authorized bank of Central Bank of India under the Head of Account "1453 Foreign Trade & Export Promotion Minor Head 102 other receipts fines, penalties etc." The bank receipt must show the name of Dept. viz. Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The bank receipt drawn in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer (Foreign Trade), Chennai.

4. Evidence of payment of penalty is required to be furnished to the Adjudicating Authority within forty five days (45 days) from the date of service of this Adjudication Order, failing which the Importer-Exporter Code Number of the persons/companies/ other entities concerned is liable to be suspended under the provisions of Section 11(4) of the foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 without making any further reference to them.

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5. M/s. Thendral Match Industries, 4/1610, Hussain Colony, Sivakasi – 626189 obtained an EPCG authorization No. 3530003681 dated: 10.06.2009 for a duty saved value of Rs. 25,90,000 for import of Capital goods with export obligation to export Safety Matches for FOB value US\$ 4,32,567.84 within a period 8 years from the date of issue of authorization.
6. The Export Obligation period expired on 09.06.2017. Letter dt: 15.06.2017 was issued calling for E.O. documents which was returned undelivered by postal authorities with remarks "left". Hence M/s. Thendral Match Industries have violated the licensing condition.
7. Notice dt: 05.07.2017 under section 14 for action under section 11 – (2) (3) (5) (6) & (7) of FT (DR) Act 1992 as amended in 2010 and for action Under Para 5.17 of HBP & action under Rule 7(k) of the Foreign Trade Regulation Rules, 1993 was issued to the firm and its Partners with personal hearing on 08.08.2017 at 4.00 p.m. The Show Cause notice addressed to the firm has been returned undelivered by postal authorities with remarks "left" and SCN addressed to Shri. R. Suresh Pandian, Shri. G. Rajasekaran partners were refused with remarks "not known".
8. M/s. Thendral Match Industries and its partners were placed under Denied Entities List vide DEL order dt: 07.08.2017 in terms of Rule 7 (k) of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Rules 1993. DEL order addressed to M/s. Thendral Match Industries has been returned undelivered by postal authorities with remarks "left" and addressed to Shri. G. S. Karthikeyan, Smt. K. Santhinidevi and Shri. R. Sureshpandian Partners were returned undelivered by postal authorities with remarks "left and not known".
9. As a final opportunity, show cause notice was issued on 25.09.2017 with personal hearing on 09.10.2017 at 12.30 p.m. to Show Cause within 15 days as to why action should not be initiated under section 11 of chapter IV of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act 1992 for adjudication. The SCN addressed to the firm has been returned undelivered by postal authorities with remarks "left". The SCN addressed to Shri. G.S. Karthikeyan and Smt. K. Santhinidevi, Partners have been returned undelivered by postal authorities with remarks "Refused" and Shri. G.S. Rajasekaran, Shri. R. Suresh Pandian and Smt. R. Uma Rani, Partners have been returned undelivered with remarks "Not Known".
10. In the circumstances, the undersigned is now fully convinced that the authorization holder and its partners are guilty of violating the conditions of the Licence in question thereby liable to a penalty under Section 11 (2) of Chapter IV of Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992. In exercise of powers vested in me vide Notification No. SO (E) dt. 17.4.2009 issued by DGFT, New Delhi in F.No. 18/27/HQ/06-07/ECA-II, I

hereby impose a penalty of **Rs. 51,80,000 (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Eighty Thousand only)** on the Licensee and its partners towards non-fulfillment of export obligation in full against the subject authorization.

I further order that no further authorization shall be issued to the firm/Company or to any other firm/Company in which the partners of this firm/Company are directly or indirectly involved in the day-to-day activities of that firm/Company as per Provisions of Handbook read with Rule 7(1) of the Foreign Trade (Regulation) Rules, 1993.

This order is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under any other Act, Rules or Regulations in force.



(J. M. Bishnoi)

Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade

To,

M/s. Thendral Match Industries
4/1610, Hussain Colony
Sivakasi -626189

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| Shri. G.S.Karthikeyan 261/G-1, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123 | Shri. G.s.rajasekaran 288/3, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123 | Shri. R.Sureshpandian 288/3, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123 |
| Smt. K.Santhinidevi 261g/1, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123 | Smt. R.Umarani 288/3, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123 | |

Copy to:

- 1) The Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Chennai.
- 2) The Commissioner of Customs, Sea Port, Tuticorin for information.